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FM AMEMBASSY PARIS

TO SECSTATE WASHDC IMMEDIATE 2175

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E.O. 11652: N/A

TAGS: CDES, FR (MC CONNELL, RALPH W.)

SUBJECT: DEATH OF RALPH MC CONNELL

REF: STATE 197231

1. DUTY OFFICER NOTIFIED OF DEATH OF RALPH MCCONNELL BY HOSPITAL EVENING OF SEPT. 6. MR. JARUSKA, FRIEND OF FAMILY, HAD BEEN CONTACTED AND WAS COMING TO ASSIST MRS. MCCONNELL. DUTY OFFICER LEFT MESSAGE FOR MR. JARUSKA TO CONTACT EMBASSY AND SPOKE DIRECTLY WITH HIM MORNING AND AFTERNOON OF SEPT. 7, RENDERING ALL APPROPRIATE ASSISTANCE. MRS. MCCONNELL'S DAUGHTER CATHRIN, WHO ARRIVED PARIS SEPT. 9, STATED THAT HER MOTHER DID NOT REPEAT NOT COME TO EMBASSY SUNDAY. IN FACT SHE DID NOT PERSONALLY CALL DUTY OFFICER AS MR. JARUSKA WAS HANDLING ALL ARRANGEMENTS.

2. EMBASSY NOT INFORMED BY MR. JARUSKA OR ANYONE ELSE THAT FRENCH AUTHORITIES WERE DETAINING MRS. MCCONNELL. UPON RECEIPT REFTEL CONOFF SPOKE WITH CATHRIN MCCONNELL WHO SAID THAT AUTHORITIES WERE UNWILLING TO ALLOW HER MOTHER TO LEAVE FRANCE. EMBASSY IMMEDIATELY CONTACTED LOCAL AUTHORITIES WHO STATED THAT THEY WISHED MRS. MCCONNELL TO REMAIN UNTIL AUTOPSY RESULTS KNOWN. CAUSE OF DEATH, HEART ATTACK, OFFICIALLY ESTABLISHED 17:00 PARIS TIME SEPT. 10 AND MRS. MCCONNELL GRANTED PERMISSION TO LEAVE FRANCE. CONOFF INFORMED MRS. MCCONNELL WHO STATED SHE INTENDS TO

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RETURN TO U.S. ASAP.

3. ETA REMAINS WILL BE CABLED TO MRS. MCCONNELL WHEN
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